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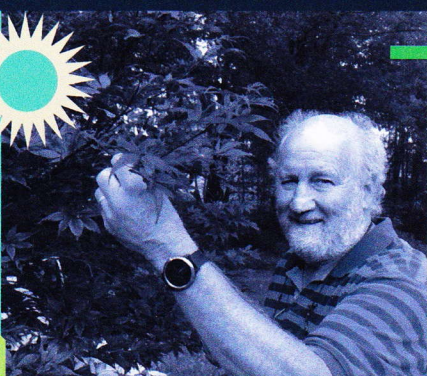
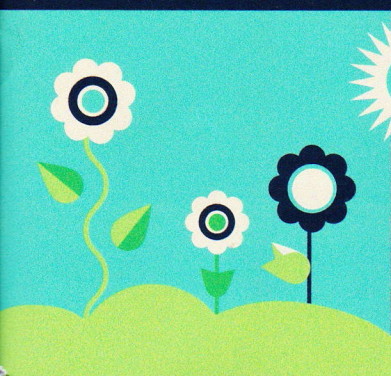
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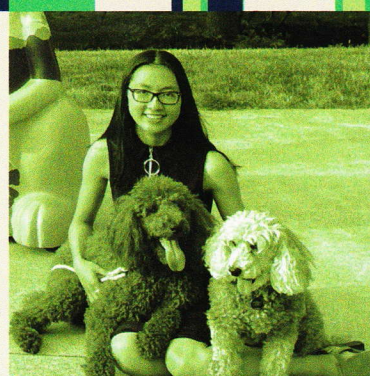
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## Helping Kids Grow

Margaret Behrns

**Founder of:  
Walk In My  
Shoes, a program  
designed to shift  
attitudes and  
foster inclusion in  
schools regarding  
students  
with medical  
conditions,  
learning  
differences and  
developmental  
delays**

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I was a special education parent liaison for a local elementary school for seven years, from 2012 to 2019. In my work, you get to meet parents going through

all sorts of challenges. But one thing that unites us all is the hope that all children will be accepted, that they won't be bullied, and that they will feel respected and safe. That's where we come in at Walk In My Shoes.

Walk In My Shoes is an assembly-type program that takes place once a year. Kids come to the cafeteria and go from station to station learning about the differences between abilities. They take the

perspective of kids who have a particular challenge. For example, we'll have a table with coloring materials and a student will color with a sash tied to their arm. Another student will tug the sash from the other side of the table to show what it feels like to have varying motor skill functions.

Ultimately, it's the way our environments are set up that causes the conflict, not the disability itself. Then, the kids will have a guided brainstorming session to talk about what they can do to be a valuable friend.

I created a guide on how to re-create the

program at different schools, and now it's in 15 schools in my county. As we grew, I got the attention of advocates – people with disabilities – coming to me to be more comprehensive. Listening to them, I knew we needed to do more. I partnered with a Ph.D. in curriculum writing in education. She is taking my assembly program and turning it into a yearlong curriculum that schools can use.”

Photo: Margaret Behrns

